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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 602

Introduced by Assembly Member Price

February 25, 2009

An act to amend Sections 2550 and 2551 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dispensing opticians.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 602, as amended, Price. Dispensing opticians.

Existing law provides that the right to dispense, sell, or furnish prescription lenses at retail to the person named in a prescription is limited to physicians and surgeons, optometrists, and registered dispensing opticians. Existing law provides for the regulation of dispensing opticians by the Medical Board of California, and requires a person engaging in the business of a dispensing optician to be registered with the board.

This bill would *require* a person engaging in the business of a dispensing optician to be registered biennially with the Medical Board of California. The bill would also authorize a dispensing optician, upon registration, to provide a mailing address to the board ~~for purposes of communication~~ *that is different from the address of the optician's place of business, and, if provided, would require the board to send all further application and renewal materials to that address.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2550 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2550. Individuals, corporations, and firms engaged in the business of filling prescriptions of physicians and surgeons licensed by the Medical Board of California or optometrists licensed by the State Board of Optometry for prescription lenses and kindred products, and, as incidental to the filling of those prescriptions, doing any or all of the following acts, either singly or in combination with others, taking facial measurements, fitting and adjusting those lenses and fitting and adjusting spectacle frames, shall be known as dispensing opticians and shall not engage in that business unless biennially registered with the Medical Board of California.

SEC. 2. Section 2551 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2551. Individuals, corporations, and firms shall make application for registration and shall not engage in that business prior to being issued a certificate of registration. Application for that registration shall be on forms prescribed by the board, shall bear the signature of the individual, or general partners if a partnership, or the president or secretary if a corporation, and shall contain the name under which he or she, they, or it proposes to do business and the business address. Separate applications shall be made for each place of business and each application must be accompanied by the application fee prescribed by Section 2565. ~~A mailing address may be provided to the board for the purposes of communication.~~ *An individual, corporation, or firm may provide an address to the board at which to receive application and renewal materials that is different from the address provided for the place of business. If provided, the board shall send all further application and renewal materials to that address.*